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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH
RE ANGOLA

REF: STATE 310372

1. ON FEBRUARY 11, CHARGE CALLED ON PERMSEC, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MBONI DLAMINI, AND OUTLINED PRESENT U.S. POSITION ON ANGOLA AS STATED PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S STATEMENT, PERMSEC SAID MILITARY DEFEAT IN THE FIELD WOULD MAKE IT MUCH HARDER FOR FNLA AND UNITA TO NEGOTIATE WITH MPLA AND REMARKED SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY THAT SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA COULD HAVE COME SOONER. PERMSEC STATE THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHERS DO, GOS WILL NOT RECOGNIZE MPLA AS LONG AS THERE ARE FOREIGN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. HE POINTED OUT THAT GOS HAD NOT BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WHEN MOST OTHER OAU MEMBERS DID SO AND GOS WOULD NOT BE PUSHED ON THIS ISSUE. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT BOTH GOS AND USG POSITIONS ON MPLA HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD, PERHAPS DILIBERATELY; BOTH RECOGNIZED THAT MPLA SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA BUT NEITHER FELT MPLA HAD THE RIGHT TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE.

3. IN CONCLUSION, PERMSEC EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS EXPLANATION OF USG VIEWS ON ANGOLA AND SAID HE WOULD INCORPORATE IT INTO
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